

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A notebook computer case with an internal shock suspension system, comprising:

an enclosure defined by a front panel, a rear panel, a bottom panel, a top panel and opposing side panels;

a selective opening means interconnected to at least one of said top panel, said front panel and said rear panel to allow access to an internal portion of said enclosure;

a support platform positioned within said internal portion of said enclosure and elevated above said bottom panel, said support panel adapted to support an electronics device;

a first stretchable suspension cord in operable contact with said support platform and interconnected to one of said opposing panels;

a second stretchable suspension cord in operable contact with said support platform and interconnected to an opposite end of said opposing side panels, wherein said support platform is biased from downward movement and is substantially impeded from contacting said bottom panel of said computer case.

2. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, wherein said first stretchable suspension cord and said stretchable suspension cord are comprised from at least one of a rubber and an elastic material.

3. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, further comprising a foam material interconnected to an internal surface of said front panel and said rear panel.

4. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, wherein a second end of said first stretchable suspension cord and a second end of said second stretchable suspension cord are interconnected proximate to an outer surface of said opposing side panels.

5. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, further comprising an indicator means interconnected to said first or said second stretchable suspension cord which identifies a relative amount of vertical travel of said support platform.

6. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 5, wherein said indicator means has a first marker positioned on at least one of said first or said second stretchable suspension cords and a second marker positioned on at least one of said opposing side panels, wherein a distance between said first and said second marker identifies a relative amount of tension on said support panel..

7. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, wherein said first and said second stretchable suspension cords are comprised of at least one of a rubber material and an elastic material.

8. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, further comprising an internal strap mechanism interconnected to at least one of an upper end of said front panel and said rear panel, and which is adapted to secure the notebook computer and place said first and said second stretchable suspension cords in tension.

9. (Original) The notebook computer case of Claim 1, wherein said support panel further comprises a cushioning layer.

10. (Currently Amended) A carrying case with an internal suspension system adapted for supporting and protecting an electronic device, comprising:

a first compartment comprising a top side, a bottom side, a front side, a rear side, and a pair of lateral sides;

an internal suspension system positioned within said first compartment comprising:

a) a support panel oriented substantially parallel to said bottom side of said first compartment;

b) a flexible suspension material, which comprises a first rubber strap interconnected to one of said lateral sides, and a second rubber strap interconnected to an opposite one of said lateral sides, operably engaged on a first end to said support panel, and interconnected on a second end to at least one of said pair of lateral sides, wherein said support panel travels upwards and downwardly within said first compartment; and

c) a strap in inoperable contact with said first compartment to secure the electronic device within the first compartment, and impart tension to said flexible suspension material, wherein the electronic device may be selectively inserted and removed from said internal suspension system by releasing or securing said strap.

11. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, further comprising a handle interconnected to an exterior of said carrying case.

12. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, wherein said flexible suspension material is comprised of at least one of an elastic material and a rubber material.

13. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, wherein said carrying case is at least one of an attache, a piece of luggage, a purse, a backpack and a suitcase.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, further comprising an external indicator device which is operably interconnected to said internal suspension system, wherein a visual indicator identifies the relative degree of loading imparted to said suspension system.

16. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, wherein said flexible suspension material comprises a non-stretchable strap portion which extends below said support panel.

17. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 10, wherein said support panel may be selectively removed from said carrying case.

18. (Original) A carrying case with an internal suspension system adapted to store an electronic device, comprising:

a front panel, a rear panel, a top panel, a bottom panel and opposing side panels;

an opening means interconnected to at least one of said front panel, said rear panel, said top panel and said opposing side panels;

an internal support panel positioned within said carrying case;

a biasing means operatively interconnected to said support panel and at least one of said opposing side panels, wherein said internal support panel is restrained from traveling toward said bottom panel;

a tension strap operatively interconnected to an internal portion of said carrying case which retains the electronic device within said carrying case and imparts tension to said biasing means, wherein said internal support panel travels in a substantially vertical direction between said top panel and said bottom panel; and

an external indicator means positioned on at least one of said side panels which identifies relative movement of said support panel when the electronic device is positioned on said internal support panel.

19. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 18, wherein said biasing means comprises at least one rubber or elastic strap.

20. (Original) The carrying case of Claim 18, wherein said support panel is suspended above an internal surface of said bottom panel a distance of at least about two inches.